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(Substitute)

RESOLUTION NO. 366-07

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A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING ALL SCHOOLS, CHURCHES, OFFICES AND OTHER PLACES WHERE LARGE NUMBERS OF PEOPLE CONGREGATE WITHIN THE CITY OF PARMA TO SEEK TO INSTALL AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS (AEDs) AND IMPLEMENT AN AED PROGRAM TO HELP SAVE LIVES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, approximately 325,000 Americans suffer sudden cardiac arrest each year and more than ninety-five percent (95%) of them die before reaching the hospital; and,

WHEREAS, if CPR and defibrillation are not applied within ten minutes after sudden cardiac arrest, there is virtually no chance of survival; and,

WHEREAS, in cities where defibrillation is provided within five to seven minutes, the survival rate from sudden cardiac arrest is as high as forty-nine percent (49%); and,

WHEREAS, Scott Conner, Vice President for American Red Cross Preparedness and Health and Safety Services has stated: "The Red Cross has been advocating for the nation to prepare for all types of emergencies; and part of that call to action is to take training in lifesaving skills such as CPR and AED;" and,

WHEREAS, Congress passed the "Cardiac Arrest Survival Act" directing the creation of guidelines to place Automated External Defibrillators in all federal buildings to combat Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA); and,

WHEREAS, at least 250,000 Americans die of sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) before they reach the hospital; and,

WHEREAS, an automated external defibrillator (AED) is a computerized medical device that uses voice prompts, lights and text messages to tell the rescuer the steps to take, checks a person's heart rhythm, has the ability to recognize a rhythm that requires a shock, and shocks when appropriate; and,

WHEREAS, in places where AED programs provide immediate CPR and deliver the first shock within three minutes after collapse, reported survival rates are as high as 74%; and,

WHEREAS, currently only about 5% of all sudden cardiac arrest victims survive in places where no AED programs have been established to provide prompt CPR and defibrillation; and,

WHEREAS, where AEDs are available, lives have been and can be saved; and,

WHEREAS, the American Heart Association recommends implementing an AED program wherever large numbers of people gather, such as cafeterias, golf courses, office buildings, parks, shopping malls, schools, churches, etc.; and

Pg. 2 of L-355-07     A Resolution encouraging all schools, churches, offices and other places where large numbers of people congregate within the City of Parma to seek to install automated external defibrillators (AEDs) and implement an AED Program to help save lives, and declaring an emergency

WHEREAS, the American Heart Association “Automated External Defibrillation Implementation Guide” (available at [www.americanheart.org](http://www.americanheart.org); See Exhibit “A”) is an excellent tool for any organization looking to implement an effective AED program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARMA, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That this Council hereby encourages all schools, churches, offices and other places where large numbers of people congregate within the City of Parma to seek to install automated external defibrillators (AEDs) and implement an AED Program to help save lives.

Section 2. That the Clerk of Council is hereby directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to all schools and churches in the City of Parma.

Section 3. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council; and that all deliberations of the council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.

Section 4. That this Resolution shall be in effect from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED:\_\_\_\_\_

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:\_\_\_\_\_  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED:\_\_\_\_\_

FILED WITH  
THE MAYOR:\_\_\_\_\_

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MAYOR, CITY OF PARMA, OHIO